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State Parsonage, September 5 and 6, 1954

CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

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Our Cover Page

The picture was taken at the time of the Pilgrim Fellowship Officers' Planning Conference held at Rymph's September 5 and 6.

Left to right — bottom row: Kay Cutting, Lenora; Shirly Phetteplace, Smith Center; Judy rGiffiths, Lawrence. Second row — Cindy Ewing, Russell; Helen Schupbach, Kiowa; Kay Rogers, Newton. Third row —Schuyler Stevenson, Council Grove; Marilyn Bell, McPherson; Nancy Kay, Topeka First; Mary Kay Wurzbacher, Sabetha; and George Fisk, Wichita Fairmount. Fourth row — Pauline Bloomer, Topeka; Jean Williams, Athol; Peggy Epps, Topeka Central; Marilyn Bryant, Lawrence; Ruth Rymph, Topeka. Top row — L. M. Rymph and Ray Jones, Topeka; Hans Poppe, Russell; Bill Bryant, Lawrence; Julian Johnson, Partridge and Norman Dirks, Wichita Plymouth.

Churches At Emporia Meeting

The following churches were represented at Emporia Laymen's meeting: Anthony — 4, Council Grove — 1, Dover — 3, Emporia First — 11, Emporia Sardis — 2, Eureka — 4, Garden City — 1 ,Great Bend — 3, Hutchinson — 2, Independence — 3, K.C. 1st Pilgrim — 2, K.C. Rosedale — 3, K.C. Welborn — 4, Kinsley — 1, Lawrence Plymouth — 4, Lenora — 5, Little River — 3, McPherson — 4, Newton — 9, Osborne — 9, Russell — 2, Sabetha — 9, Seneca — 3, Tonganoxie — 2, Topeka Central — 4, Topeka First — 3, Towanda — 3, Wheaton — 3, Whitewater — 1, Wichita Fairmount — 7, Wichita Pilgrim — 11, Wichita Plymouth — 5, Leaders — 2.

In Memory

The Rev. A. F. White of Kiowa, a retired Methodist minister who supplied our Congregational Church at Kiowa for about four years, passed from this life on July 5, 1954. He gave outstanding leadership to our Kiowa church and was greatly loved by the people there.

Mrs. M. W. Baker, wife of the Rev. M. W. Baker, retired Congregational minister of Topeka, passed from this life on July 5, 1954.

Mrs. T. C. Cocks, wife of the Rev. T. C. Cocks, retired Congregational minister of Muscotah, died in the hospital at Atchison, Kansas late in July.

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The Rev. Stephen N. Jones
The Rev. John H. Jones

A Native Son

The service of ordination of the Rev. Stephen N. Jones held at the New Pilgrim Congregational Church in Oakland, California on July 25 was indeed a happy occasion for all who took part. The Rev. and Mrs. John H. Jones of Towanda made the trip to the west coast where Mr. Jones preached the ordination sermon and offered the ordination prayer for his son.

Stephen completed work at Pacific School of Religion and received his B.D. degree in June. Following a summer pastorate at New Pilgrim Church in 1953, he was asked to remain during his final year at seminary to become the full-time minister when his school work was completed.

Steve Jones grew from boyhood to manhood in Kansas parsonages. He graduated from Doane College and took one year at Chicago Theological Seminary before accepting a call to our church at Downs, where he served two years before continuing his seminary course. The Jones' have three small sons, John, Daniel and David.

On Sunday, August 8, a family reunion of the John H. Jones family, an even dozen members, was held at Towanda. Stephen brought the morning sermon and the Rev. Lynn Taylor, (son-in-law) assisted in the service. The Taylor's are in Joliet, Illinois.

A Record Laymen's Meeting

The largest group of laymen to be assembled at a Congregational meeting in recent years, registered for the Churchmanship Workshop at Emporia, September 25 and 26. One hundred thirty-six registered from 32 churches.

It was a thrilling experience to witness more than 100 laymen, many of them younger men, seeking and sharing in common concerns relating to kingdom building through the church.

Dr. Sandstrom's three presentations on Stewardship were pointed and practical. The Rev. Robert Tinker of C.T.S. appealed for help in recruiting men for the ministry. Reports were made on the Church Loan Fund by E. C. Wedell, on the Korab Memorial at Doane College by Gordon Jones and on OCWM by Levi Zimmerman.

Mr. Carl Althaus, Kansas Laymen's Fellowship President, presided at the Saturday evening sessions. Mr. Daniel R. Hopkins, Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, sponsoring the meeting became ill after his arrival in Emporia and entered the hospital for an emergency appendectomy Sunday afternoon. Mr. Ralph Ewing of Russell, presided at the Sunday sessions in his place.

Christian Social Action

Kate Lee Ewing—Editor

A few pertinent ideas about Social Action came out of the Area Conference at LaForet last month.

What Is Social Action?

The delegates wanted clear definitions for two basic ideas: one was a lay person's definition of "What is Social Action," and this is the one arrived at after considerable discussion. "Christian Social Action is the cooperative effort of Christians to discover and apply the will of God to the social problems of the day."

Relations To Secular Organizations

The other was our group opinion of what should be the relation of the church toward secular organizations. Here it is: "The church has interest in her mandate from Christ, a social obligation toward all mankind. Very often she must and does act directly and alone. But whenever and wherever secular organizations act in the area of human welfare, the church may not stand aloof, but ought always to inspire, encourage, support and sometimes correct, the good efforts of all, whatever their name or sign."

These two definitions, if read and reread thoughtfully, should help all church people to believe, and better understand, statements made by Dr. Herman Reissig in his analysis of the condition of our world today. He said that we should not say we do not understand and don't know what to do about current affairs — even tho' we feel that way. And that anyone who knows all the answers should be put down as knowing nothing about today's problems.

Today's Era

We should better read and study and realize that seven movements are coming to a climax in our world today, almost simultaneously. And he listed these seven for us to keep in mind as we struggle to understand the era we live in.

1. We are moving from Nationalism to a World Community.
2. We are moving from a situation of want for many to one of sufficient for all.
3. We are moving from white supremacy to racial integration.
4. We are moving from colonialism to voluntary cooperation of people.
5. We are moving from small individualism into social responsibility.
6. We are moving from reactionary faith to factual faith.
7. We are moving from false Communist answers to the above six problems to a working democracy.

Be Informed

As Congregationalists, let us lead in self-education for our day and influence others by being above petty blaming of any one person or group for the dilemma in which we find ourselves in this century. The founders of Congregationalism were great leaders in the educational field during the beginning days of our wonderful country. The least we can do is "catch ourselves up" on the educational level and educate ourselves to live happily in these complicated situations.

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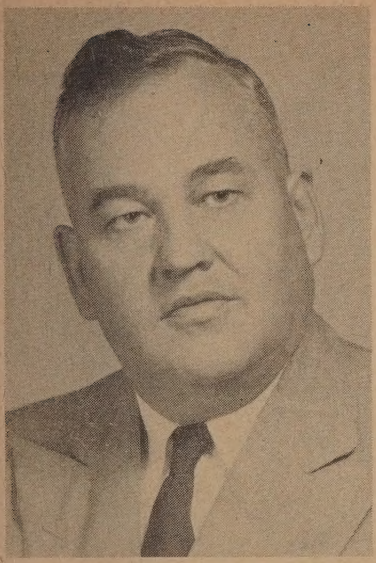


The Rev. Robert E. Baker

Pastoral Changes

Leavenworth Calls Minister

The Rev. Robert E. Baker, formerly of the New Pilgrim Congregational Church at San Antonio, Texas, has accepted a call to the Evangelical Congregational Church of Leavenworth. He will begin has ministry there November first.

He is a graduate of Hartwick College and Colgate Rochester Divinity School, both in New York. He served Baptist pastorates in New York before coming to San Antonio where he accomplished the difficult task of relocating our church in a new suburb of the city.

The Baker's have three children — Patty, 14 years of age; Harold, 12 and Peggy six. Mrs. Baker has been active in children's work, choir and women's work. We welcome the Bakers to Kansas and our Congregational family.

Greetings From England

Greetings to all our friends in Kansas from Fred and Lucy Smith, who left last May for a five month visit to our homeland. Four-fifths of that visit is now history as I type this letter on September 4th (on a typewriter presented to me by my church at Ellis). What a wonderful four months it has been. A remarkable schedule of preaching engagements was arranged for me by the Congregational officials and other friends with the result that I have preached in churches at Glasgow, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Coventry, Stockport, Ipswich, Letchworth, Harrow and Streatham in London, Torquay, Accrington and Burnley. Everywhere I took the greetings of the Ellis Church and the State Conference of Kansas. Everywhere I took occasion to make special mention of the great work that is being done for Christianity in the State of Kansas.

The Smith's in London

Space limits forbid even mention of the many lovely places we have visited in England, Scotland and France. One thing pleased us so much; this was an interview which the editor of England's outstanding Sunday School magazine, "The Sunday School Chronicle" had with Lucy concerning her plaque work for young people. The result was that an article appeared on her work in this magazine.

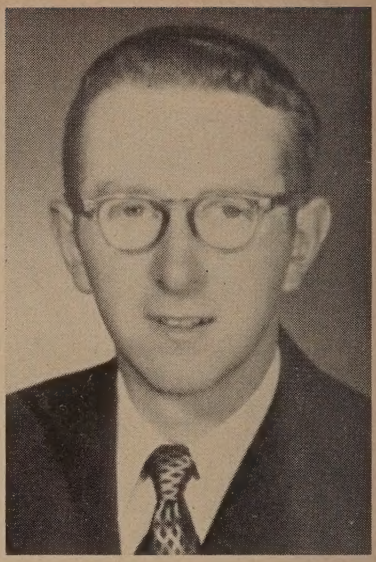
We return to the United States from Southampton on October 7, docking in New York about the fifteenth.

From England to Centralia

Though the Smith's had planned to retire in California on their return from their homeland, they have accepted the call to a few more years in the active pastorate. Our Centralia Church, vacant since the Argo's left last February, issued a call which was accepted by mail before the Smith's sailed October 7. They will dock in New York the middle of the month, spend a few days with their children in Pennsylvania and Kansas City and begin their work at Centralia October 31. Kansas is a pretty nice place after all, and we are happy to have the Fred Smith's back with us.

New Leadership at Tonganoxie

Answering a call to our church at Tonganoxie, the Rev. Robert W. Jahns began his pastorate there on September 25. Mr. Jahns is a graduate of the University of Iowa and Yale Divinity School. He has done Boys' Work with the Y.M.C.A., and was in the service as a Chaplain's assistant. He has had special training in organ, piano and voice and has special interest in drama, art and architecture. For more than a year he has taken clinical pastoral training, spending the past summer at Boys' Industrial School in Topeka.



The Rev. Robert W. Jahns

Mr. Don Coldsmith, who has supplied the Tonganoxie Church the past two years has moved to Kansas City to continue his work in Medical School.

McKeeman's to Milford

The Rev. and Mrs. James A. McKeeman began leadership at Milford, Kansas the first of October after a five and one-half year pastorate at Lenora.

The McKeeman's came to Kansas in 1946 after serving Congregational Churches in Nebraska for more than 25 years. They served Kirwin Federated Church before going to Lenora. The McKeeman's work together as a team and carry out a well rounded program wherever they serve.

Director of Christian Education

The Rev. Harold Gentzler was called to be R. E. Director at our new Pilgrim Church in Wichita on September 26. He had recently been Director of the East Side Y.M.C.A. in Wichita.

Your Witness For Christ
Organized Effort
Reach Unchurched 40%
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L A U N C H
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Order chart from Conference
"They Went Forth Two by Two"
400 More Before the End of '54
To Reach State Goal of 20,000
DO YOUR PART
THROUGH YOUR CHURCH

Call For the "400"

Gideon once won a mighty victory with 300 hand-picked soldiers. Kansas Congregationalists have a meaningful victory in sight if they will add 400 new members this fall. We can then realize the goal of "Four Thousand More by '54" or a total of 20,000 as the practical goal envisioned by our beloved late Frank Korab. At Lawrence we were short only 258, but we must anticipate more being removed from the rolls at year end.

VICTORY is in sight! This is no time to relax in the work of evangelism, one part of which is certainly the matter of getting people to establish fellowship in the body of Christ, that they may better know Him who is the Head of the Church. Fellow Kansas Christians, let us count prospective members for our church on our fingers (if you have enough fingers) write them down and hand them to the pastor and ask them personally to come to church with you.

Beyond that we urge an organized effort of visitation evangelism by the laymen in every church. The latter method brings a new spirit into the whole of the congregation and blessings beyond the numbers added to the fold. We encourage you to get and use the turn-over chart, "THEY WENT FORTH TWO BY TWO," from the state office. May I personally urge the ministers to send for and privately view the two filmstrips, "Bringing Christ to the Home" and "Laymen Witness for Christ." They outline the program methods to be followed. You will be glad you took the time to do it. We've got the 4000 whittled down to 400 now; this is not the time to stop, in fact, our witness for Christ dare never stop! But let us start with this fresh emphasis in our Fall Program.

Hopefully,
Hans M. Poppe, Chairman
Evangelism Committee

Diamond Jubliee at Downs

The Downs Congregational Church carried through a very extensive Diamond Jubliee Program the week of September 26 to October 3. Rev. Harald Wisegarver, a neighboring Congregational minister, preached on Sept 26. This service was sponsored by the Men's Fellowship Class. In the evening, the Fidelis Class conducted a Memorial Service and Mrs. Bertha Billings read "The History of the Church," prepared by Mrs. Jennie Cotton. On Wednesday, following a Church Supper, the Rev. Homer Marlatt of Scribner, Nebraska, former minister, spoke. This service was under the direction of the Women's Society.

On Sunday, October 3, Dr. L. M. Rymph spoke on the theme, "The Value of New Starts in Life." The afternoon occasion featured the Dedication of the new church organ with Mrs. Jack Sellars giving the Organ Recital. Tangible evidence of appreciation for the 75 years was expressed in a generous Diamond Jubilee Offering.

Kansas Women's Department

Sharing Thru The Woman's Gift

It is again time to think and plan for our Woman's Gift and to call it to the attention of every woman in our fellowship. Each group in the state should have a program on this work. We have set our goal slightly higher as we have each year. So far, we have never failed to exceed this goal. This gift, formerly known as the Thankoffering, we give in love for God's goodness to us. Last spring at the General Council in New Haven, over $200,000 was dedicated for the past biennium. Let us make this year's gift the first of the new biennium — a good one. The needs are so great — so many tasks that need to be done.

The gift will be divided in the usual three ways; one-third in the state; one-third across the nation; one-third around the world. Let us give in a spirit of sacrifice and with our worldly goods give all the powers of mind and body to His Service.

"God who touches earth with beauty
Make me lovely, too:
With Thy spirit recreate me;
Make my heart anew.
Like the arching of the heavens
Lift my thought above;
Turn my dreams to noble action
Ministries of love."

If you have questions, write to me and I will try to give you answers.

Mrs. Elizabeth James,
Woman's Gift Secretary
215 S. Rutan St.,
Wichita, Kansas.

Friendly Service Report

To reach the Standards of Achievement as set forth in our Guide Book, you must have a Friendly Service Secretary in each group. Do YOU have one? Such an officer will promote, record and report Friendly Service work, so select one now if you have not already done so, then your quota acceptance and everything you do will be more likely to be reported so that proper credit can be given. Some groups fail to report even on their quota, whether it was accepted and what it was worth. This is very important, whether gifts are sent or money. ALWAYS, money or checks should be accompanied with the statement, "this is in lieu of the Friendly Service items requested." Report what you do when you do it!

Use Your Material

Each Fellowship president has been sent copies of the following: "Friendly Service Ideas," and "Additional Information regarding the Quota." These contain helpful ideas for supplying things on the quota list such as "dish towels and kitchen towels made of feed, flour or sugar sacks or of the standard woven toweling." Knowing this would make it easy to tuck in a few extra ones. "Christmas Sugguestions" — what to do with Christmas cards, etc., and most inexpensive gift items to make as well as a list of places where Christmas gifts will be greatly needed and what kind would be most acceptable.

Other pamphlets are included in the packet and it is hoped that the material will be kept as well as the list of places where Christmas gifts may be sent.

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the packet and it is hoped that the material will be kept and used. Miss Marjory A. Martin, our National Secretary, has compiled all sorts of workable ideas and will be sending more from time to time. The brochure, "Into All the World," not only gives complete instructions on Friendly Service procedures, but many helpful suggestions. This should be in the hands of the Friendly Service Secretary.

New Friends

A request has come this year from the Council for S. A., which seems naturally to fall under F. S. We are asked to offer friendship to foreign students in our communities. There are some 391 students from several countries studying in Kansas.

Quotas

Quotas this year are not large and it is hoped that Kansas women will want to be responsible for some of the larger items needed at various places and listed with your State Chairman. Complete lists of needs for Ryder Memorial and Plateau Valley hospitals are contained in the packet of material which you have already received.

Fort Berthold

Fort Berthold Reservation has become well known to all of us. Many groups have sent materials there but we are now requested not to send any gifts of clothing, materials, etc., until the relocation is accomplished as there is not and perhaps will not be storage place for another year. It is suggested that materials groups may have to send there, be sent to one of the following places.

The Delmo Communities, Box 218, Lilburn, Mo., Mrs. J. R. Hansen, Director. Thrift Shop at Grandin, Mo., Mrs. Pearl Wangelin, Director. (Grandin for parcel post, Doniphan, Mo., for express or freight.) Cotton Valley School, Tuskegee, Ala., Miss Julia M. Johnson, Principal. Rev. Collie Seymour, Box 236, Everts, Kentucky. Mr. Seymour, Pastor of the Congregational-Christian Church at Everts has started a Thrift Shop to help the needy. This is in a coal mining area and work is very scarce with the mines operating only one or two days a week, so the need is great. Rev. Louis Joy Hartung, Box 234, Grants, N. Mexico — for the Rummage Sales, proceeds of which are used toward church improvements. Delmo is asking for quilt pieces or blocks made up and it would be easy to send a package of these along with the clothing. Good clothing and layettes are always needed. Check with your local freight office for exact information, but boxes sent by freight instead of parcel post go for less.

Overseas

The names of our overseas missionaries assigned to Kansas women for special attention this year, will be sent to you soon. You will find their personality sheets very interesting. Please note well — mailing instructions must be followed carefully, especially on items to go overseas.

What opportunities for service both at home and abroad! From the youngest to the oldest, help can be given and nothing we can do will receive a more heartfelt "thank you."

"Tomorrow's Goal"

We strive until the goal is gained
Then look for one still unattained,
Our records point the course we take,
To greater Records we can make.
For hope springs not from what we've done,
But from the work we've just begun.

Mrs. W. R. Ives,
Friendly Service Secretary
Mount Hope, Kansas

Women at Work

Kinsley women have had a share in many fine improvements in the church property during the past few months. New sunray blinds and storage cupboards were added to Fellowship Hall. The Amigas Club completely furnished the pastor's study with bamboo draperies and furniture. A church clean-up day was held in September and plans are under way for a bazaar and dinner in early December.

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Area Social Action Meetings In Kansas

The Rev. A. H. Bartter, Conference Social Action Chairman announces that the Rev. Hugo Thompson has been secured to give leadership to three Social Action meetings in Kansas.

On December 6 a meeting for leaders in Eastern Association will be held in Topeka; December 7 at Fairmount Church in Wichita for Southern Association and December 8 the Western meeting in Russell.

Lawrence Plymouth Centennial

The one hundredth anniversary of Plymouth Congregational Church in Lawrence will be celebrated October 21 thru 24. Meetings will be held in the parish hall and sanctuary October 21 and 22 and the Rev. Douglas Horton will preach the Anniversary Sermon on Sunday, October 24.

Five former ministers will return for the celebration. They are: The Rev. Noble Strong Elderkin, now of Akron, Ohio, minister 1910-17; the Rev. Ray Eusden of Boston, minister 1920-26; the Rev. Alfred D. Grey of Lansing, Michigan, minister 1926-1932; the Rev. Joseph F. King of Oberlin, Ohio, minister 1933-1942; and the Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes of Prairie Village, minister 1942-1948.

The eventful life of this historic church has been crowned by outstanding achievements the past six years under the challenging leadership of the Rev. Dale Emerson Turner. Overflow crowds at Sunday morning worship service has made two identical services each Sunday morning necessary. This has resulted in an attendance of more than 1000 people each Sunday morning.

Orchids to Emporia First

Would that we could present an orchid to every woman who helped with the three wonderful meals served at the laymen's meeting and to every hostess who opened her home to make lodging for some 75 people possible. Few churches in the state radiate such a genuine welcome to guests. Could it be that the day-by-day living example of Steve and Etta Williams helps create this gracious atmosphere? The offering taken was turned to the conference to help underwrite the cost of meals.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norman Dirks, President **Peggy Epps, Secretary**

P.F. Planning Retreat

The state parsonage was much astir with activity September 5 and 6 when the State Pilgrim Fellowship Officers (see cover page) and sponsors met to plan for the coming year. The delegates to National reported some of the highlights from the meeting and plans for the next two years. Plans were outlined for Workday for Christ, October 23. Association officers are writing local churches urging their participation in this project. The Christian Action goal for $2450 was set for 1954-55. 1955 camp projects were selected and will be Pierce Hospital for Men, South India and West Side Christian Parish, Chicago. Associations set fall and spring rally dates. Scholarships of $250 were voted to go to Mr. Dan Tyson, Pacific School of Religion and Frederick Chang, a music student at Bethany College, Lindsborg. $50 was given the Kansas Youth Council to supplement their summer conference expenses.

Rumor Clinic

Here is a program for your P. F. meeting. It is a filmstrip with three pictures. One is selected to test the ability of the person who sees it to report it accurately to someone who has not seen it. The persons in the audience look at it with the one person to report. They can see how the reports progress. Several persons stay outside the room and are called in separately as each person reports to the next. It ecrates an interesting program and demonstrates how rumors originate and how far they can go. Write Conference for booking.

State Rally November 5-6

"To Know God" will be the theme for the Senior State Rally at Lawrence. Outstanding P.F. guest leaders will tell how this is done through the P.F, program. James Price, past National P.F. vice-president from Los Angeles, Californa will give a presentation "To Know God Through Faith, Action and Fellowship." Roland Larson, the new National P.F. president, Bingham, Nebraska will tell of some hopes and aims for the next two years. Mr. Toshihiro "Tommy" Takami, student at Doane College from Japan will tell of his life's experiences. He has a most interesting story about how he spent the war years as a youthful monk in an old Buddhist Temple, how he later served in the Japanese Navy, worked as a coolie and his decision to dedicate his life and talents to the Christian ministry. Programs will be reaching you shortly.

Pledge Time

As already stated the Kansas Christian Action Goal for this year is $2450. This is reached through pledges from local P.F. groups and the receipts from Workday for Christ. Pledges are to be over and above the amounts given for Workday for Christ. Pledges will be reported at the State Rally November 5-6 at Lawrence. When the roll is called will your church be listed? Send it in now!

Wichita Pilgrim Retreat

The Junior Highs had a retreat August 27 and 28 with their sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kelton. Officers were elected.

WORKDAY FOR CHRIST

October 23, 1954

A car wash in your town can be a practical expression of Christian beliefs. It can help supply surgical dressings in a hospital, send a missionary teacher to school, start a new church or give another young person a scholarship. Workday for Christ is primarily a day of dediction of self though work. It is the part of the Pilgrim Fellowship has in Our Christian World Mission.

1. Set the date October 23, or another date of your own choosing.
2. Publicize your event. Line up jobs with members of your church. Tell everyone what it is about. Put it in the church bulletin and your local newspaper.
3. Plan for an early morning worship service together to begin the day in a spirit of self dedication.
4. Dedicate your earnings — at the close of the day; Sunday morning church service; or at your next P.F. meeting.
5. Send earnings to Kansas Congregational Conference, 923 Kansas, Topeka, Kansas, for credit.
6. REMEMBER! the places your money serves. These places were chosen by P.F.'ers.

New-comers Christian Fellowship, N. Y.
West Side Christian Parish, Chicago
Radio and Teleision Services
German Youth Training Center
District Boarding School, South India
Capron Hall Training School, India
Pierce Hospital for Men, South India

United Student Fellowship

Many of our Pilgrim Fellowship members go to college from high school, where USF takes the place of P.F. A new committee on the Campus Ministry has recently been appointed — Rev. William Bryant, Lawrence, Chairman; Mrs. W. W. Wilmore, Topeka Central; Rev. William Keeney, Manhattan. This committee hopes to plan some inter-college activities for students from Congregational and E. & R. Churches. Barbara Bell sends the following report: Devotion, discussion, fellowship, fun — Plymouth Fellowship offers this to students at the University of Kansas.

New students were introduced to USF at a "Meet Your Church" get-together. The first Sunday evening meeting included informal singing and games and a discussion of the relationship of the church to university life led by George B. Smith, dean of the university.

Officers elected were president, Karl Davidson, Leavenworth; vice-president, Bob Lewis, Onaga; secretary-treasurer, Barbara Keeler, Lawrence; publicity, Barbara Bell, McPherson; worship, Jim Bass, Topeka; recreation, Laurel Marshall, Onaga; Student Religious Council, Lillian Yoshimoto, Hawaii.

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

The Felton's Report

The National Family Life Committee met for a five day workshop at Tower Hill Congregational Christian Camp near the southern tip of Lake Michigan. The Committee is composed of fifteen families. Five new families are added each year to serve a three year term. Each summer the committee meets at Tower Hill with our National Family Life secretary for a week of work, and planning ways of bettering Christian Family Life in our churches. The Rev. Walter Dobler is the new Family Life Secretary, taking the place of Dr. Paul Reynolds who has resigned to go to Pleasant Hill, Tenn. Both families were in attendance at the camp.

This summer the committee did several things. First we worked on suggestions for the Parent's Class material in the Program Manual. This was led by Frances Eastman, editor of the Program Manual and Children's Religion.

Second, the committee gathered material for the Family Book for the summer of 1955. Incidentally, this promises to be a splendid book.

Third, the Rev. James Mead, as instructed by the Family Life Committee a year ago, has conducted a survey of all Congregational Christian Conferences in our nation to determine the number of family camps, families participating, cost, materials written, etc. We are very proud that Kansas has had two years of family camping and though we are still babes in the field, Kansas is making a good start. We know from our experience last summer that more and more families will want to experience the thrill of a church sponsored Family Camp. This survey has not been entirely completed, but when it is we believe many will be interested in its results.

Finally, Walter Dobler in taking over his new duties summed up the work of the Committee, asked them to continue and then enumerated about five specific jobs that he requested the committee members to work on during the next year.

We are very grateful for the opportunity to represent Kansas on this National Family Life Committee.

This is primarily a report from the National Committee but of course the week was another experience in church sponsored Family Camping. We feel that Family Camping is the best thing that our family has ever done together. We sincerely hope that many of you are planning to go to Family Camp next summer.

—The Philip Feltons
Great Bend

Project of the Month

October has been designated as Conference month. The Conference is both a missionary society and a service organization and your church is a part of it. Since the suggestion was made that each church write to their Conference Office for a specific project within the Conference we recommend that any consideration for this project be directed to the obligation our Conference has in raising the deficit on our Church Building Loan Fund pledge. Many boys and girls in the church schools will undoubtedly find much satisfaction in feeling they have a part in providing a fund to establish churches in Kansas.

Free Crop Film

"The Least Of These" is a 16mm black and white 14 minute movie. This film is a documentary on CROP food distribution in eight countries of Europe and Asia. Food gifts, collected on America's farms, bring life and faith to hungry refugees, victims of disaster and famine. Write direct to Rev. Milton Vogel, Kansas Council of Churches, 327 Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kans. to secure film.

Kirwin Mission Festival

On September 11 the youth groups were busy setting up booths for a Mission Festival to promote missionary work. Contributions of money, eggs, towels, linens and fancy work were given. The boys in Mrs. Willis' class gathered the products. An inexpensive lunch was served Saturday evening and the festival extended throughout Sunday with a special morning service and basket dinner.

Area Preview Meetings

On September 12 teachers and officers of the Russell and Gorham churches met together in planning lessons and important activities for the Fall Quarter.

Kansas City Ruby, First Pilgrim, Welborn and Colonial Church in Prairie Village met September 19 for a Pilgrim Series Preview for the Fall quarter. Plans were made for a similar meeting in March at the Welborn Community Church.

Church Night Activity

Lawrence started October 6 with a series of programs for the whole family. A covered dish dinner was followed with recreation and a movie.

Display for Mission Program

Handicrafts from Nagpada Neighborhood House is available from the Conference Office upon request for a program on India. It includes dolls, embroidered linens, woven materials, brass tray and other handmade articles. Payment of postage is only charge. It is especially suitable for programs in Women's Groups and the Church School or Schools of Missions.

A Reminder

The Mission Study books for the areas of study this year are on "India, Pakistan and Ceylon" and "The City." These books are available from the Conference Office for payment of postage: The titles are as follows:

Adults: Under Three Flags
Face to Face With India
Jeep Tracks
Man and God in the City
Look at the City

Youth: Change of Heart (India)
This is India, Pakistan, and Ceylon
The Cross is Lifted
Fun and Festival from India
The Hidden Treasure
When (City)
They Live In the City

Children: Chand of India
Fig Tree Village
Children of India
Sidewalk Kids (City)
Friendly House
Boy With Busy Walk

Plays and audio visual aids are available in both areas.

Leadership Training

Coaching Conferences for training leaders in the interdenominational schools for this fall will be held at Great Bend, November 8-9 and Emporia, November 10-11. Courses will be given on Teaching Children, Youth, Intermediates, Adults and Church and Family Life.

Kansas Giving

To September 30, 1954

KANSAS CONGREGATIONAL-CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Church	1954 O.C.W.M. Quota	Paid	Loan Fund Pledged or Paid
Almena	$ 350.00	$ 87.50	$ 500.00
*Anthony	350.00	200.00	368.00
*Athol	150.00	100.00	175.00
Bazine			250.00
*Carbondale	125.00	94.00	100.00
*Centralia	300.00	150.00	
*Coun. Grove	300.00	225.00	
*Cumberland	20.00	10.00	
Dover	100.00	100.00	
*Downs	300.00	225.00	
*Ellis	300.00	150.00	800.00
*Emporia 1st	1,600.00	850.00	1,700.00
* Sardis	200.00	100.00	400.00
Eureka	600.00	300.00	935.00
*Ford	400.00	300.00	920.00
*Garden City	1,500.00	375.00	481.55
*Garfield	150.00	75.00	200.00
*Gaylord	200.00	21.65	25.00
*Gorham	100.00	100.00	
*Great Bend	2,500.00	2,083.36	2,000.00
*Haven	300.00	225.00	143.00
*Hiawatha	80.00	60.00	
*Hutchinson	600.00	600.00	
*Independence	200.00	200.00	450.00
*K.C. 1st Pilg.	1,000.00	750.00	1,350.00
*K.C. Rosedale	500.00	250.00	900.00
*K.C. Ruby	500.00	375.00	1,200.00
*K.C. Welb'n	1,500.00	1,125.00	1,500.00
*Kinsley	600.00	250.00	1,025.00
*Kiowa	500.00	500.00	300.00
Kirwin	50.00	25.00	
*Lawrence P.	5,000.00	3,750.00	3,300.00
*Leavenworth	400.00	25.00	
*Lenora	400.00	400.00	800.00
Leona	50.00		50.00
*Lincoln	100.00	50.00	100.00
*Little River	300.00	300.00	500.00
*McPherson	1,000.00	500.00	2,000.00
*Maize	200.00	200.00	400.00
*Manhattan	2,000.00	1,800.00	2,400.00
*Maple Hill	400.00	100.00	5.00
*Mound City	50.00	50.00	
*Matfield Green	50.00		
*Milford	300.00	300.00	250.00
*Mount Hope	500.00	375.00	100.00
*Muscotah	150.00	37.50	300.00
*Neola	50.00	20.23	
Newton	600.00	150.00	1,200.00
*Olive Hill	100.00	100.00	
*Onaga	400.00	100.00	500.00
*Osborne	900.00	800.00	1,461.55
*Ottawa	500.00	250.00	400.00
*Partridge	500.00	500.00	800.00
*Pleasant Hill	100.00	50.00	
Pleas't Home			500.00
*Prairie Vil.	1,500.00	875.00	1,800.00
Plevna	200.00	60.00	
*Russell	680.00	340.00	1,500.00
*Sabetha	1,800.00	1,350.00	2,000.00
*Sedgwick	200.00	100.00	200.00
*Seneca	150.00	75.00	500.00
*Smith Cent.	150.00	37.00	600.00
*Stanley	400.00	300.00	500.00
St. Marys	50.00		
*Stockton	300.00	300.00	
*Tonganoxie	350.00	175.00	48.12
Topeka			
* Central	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
* First	3,000.00	1,837.53	3,000.00
* Seabrook	400.00	200.00	1,400.00
* Seaman	1,200.00	870.00	1,200.00
*Towanda	150.00	75.00	500.00
*Udall	75.00	47.50	25.00
*Wakefield	300.00	225.00	325.00
*Wheaton	150.00	112.50	200.00
*Whitewater	1,250.00	432.00	1,250.00
Wichita			
* Fairm't	2,600.00	1,847.67	2,000.00
* Pilgrim	1,000.00	605.62	1,200.00
* Plymouth	6,050.00	4,525.00	7,500.00
Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship			757.00
Added Gifts			5,117.00
TOTALS	$55,380.00	36,154.56	68,011.22

* Indicates Per Capita Paid.

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Willing Workers

This title could well be used for the volunteers at Topeka Seabrook who have been giving hours and hours of labor, lo! these many months to bring their new building nearer the dedication date. Crews have carried on almost every night from 7 to 9 P.M. and all day Saturday, painting, washing windows, scrubbing, moving and all the many other tasks that go into getting a building ready.

Many of the same people worked 8 to 15 hours a day at the eating house the week of the Free Fair. Others worked at the church where 800 pies were baked, chili made, gallons of potato salad assembled and 35 huge turkeys cooked. This event cleared some $1600.00.

Serving Church in Connecticut

The Rev. and Mrs. Henry Bradshaw (Evelyn Millison) formerly of Topeka, have been called to serve the church in Norwich Town, Conn. Mr. Bradshaw is completing his final year in Hartford Seminary.

Wedding Bells

On August 21st, the Rev. Wm. B. Bryant, Associate Minister at our Lawrence Church, was married to Miss Marilyn Towne of Westborough Mass. They are at home at 1201 Ohio in Lawrence.

A Prayer School

Meeting each Tuesday evening, under the leadership of the Rev. S. Duane Ogden, is this school of prayer. Principles and means of effective praying are studied and practiced, problems and questions are freely considered.

From Hutchinson

Dr. J. Henry Horning who underwent major surgery early this summer is back in the pulpit with an interesting series of sermons: "Civilization and Our Education," "Civilization and Our Religion," "Civilization and Our Tradition," and "Civilization and Our Ideas."

The new 30 by 60 foot room extending from the undercroft is answering many needs in the church program.

An Error

We regret the announcement on the Emporia bulletin that Dr. Kirk of Wichita Plymouth would speak at the Laymen's Meeting. Dr. Kirk notified us before programs were printed that he would be unable to be present.

Congregational Kansas

Why not send it to each church family? Renewals due December 1.